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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA Women and Child Development (B) Department

NOTIFICATION

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*Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 14th February, 2024
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In pursuance of clause (3) of Article 348 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Kerala is pleased to authorise the publication in the Gazette of the following translation in English language of the Kerala Anganwadi Workers' and Anganwadi Helpers' Welfare Fund Rules, 2020.

By order of the Governor,
DR SHARMILA MARY JOSEPH,
Principal Secretary.



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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Social Justice (B) Department

NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P) No.1/2020/SJD

*Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 6th January, 2020
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S.R.O. No.33/2020.- In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 28 of the Kerala Anganwadi Workers' and Anganwadi Helpers' Welfare Fund Act, 2016 (Act 10 of 2016), the Government of Kerala hereby make the following rules, namely:-

RULES

1. *Short title and commencement.*- (1) These rules may be called the Kerala Anganwadi Workers' and Anganwadi Helpers' Welfare Fund Rules, 2020.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. *Definition.*- (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, -

“Act” means the Kerala Anganwadi Workers' and Anganwadi Helpers' Welfare Fund Act, 2016 (Act 10 of 2016);

(2) The words and expressions used herein but not defined in these rules shall have the same meanings respectively assigned to them in the Act.

3. *Application for membership in the Fund.*- The Anganwadi Workers' and Anganwadi Helpers' who had got permanent appointment in the Child Development Project may apply for membership in the Form and manner as specified in the Scheme through the Child Development Project Officer of the Project in which they are working. On verification of the application so received and upon found eligible



for such membership, an Anganwadi worker or an Anganwadi helper, as the case may be, shall be enrolled as a member with the approval of the Board. Those who were given membership accordingly, shall be issued a membership certificate, an identity card and a passbook containing such details in the manner as may be specified in the Scheme.

4. *Travelling allowance, Sitting fees, Daily allowance, Honorarium.*-(1) Each non-official member attending the Board meetings shall be eligible for the sitting fees at such rate as fixed by the Government from time to time.

(2) The Chief Executive Officer and the Official Members representing the Government shall be eligible for the travelling allowances as per the service rules as applicable to them.

(3) For attending the meeting of the Board, the Chairperson and the non-official members of the Board shall be eligible for the travelling allowances at such rate as admissible to Grade-I officers of the Government.

5. *Appointment of Officers.*-(1) The Chief Executive Officer:- (a) The Government may appoint an officer not below the rank of Assistant Director in the Women and Child Development Department or any other officer of equivalent rank in Government service as the Chief Executive Officer on deputation basis.

(b) Subject to the general control of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer shall discharge the administrative functions of the Board, the Fund and the Scheme.

(2) Other Officers:- (a) In order to assist the Chief Executive Officer in the implementation of the provisions of the Act and the Scheme, a Senior Superintendent, a Junior Superintendent, a Finance Officer, a Head Accountant, a Computer Assistant, a Typist, an Office Attendant, a Driver and also five Clerical Staffs from the Department of Women and Child Development or from equivalent post from any other Government Department may be appointed on deputation basis in the head office of the Board.



(b) The salary and allowances and the conditions regarding discipline and other service conditions of the officers and other staffs appointed on deputation basis in the Board shall be as per the rules as applicable to them in their parent department.

6. *Provisions for transferring the existing consolidated amount.*-(1) The Chief Executive Officer shall take steps to transfer all amount including its interest deposited in the name of Working Welfare Fund in the Bank/treasury/ other agencies as on the date of commencement of this Act to the Welfare Fund constituted as per the Act.

(2) Out of the amount so transferred as per the sub-rule (1), the Chief Executive Officer shall in consultation with the Child Development Project Officer take steps to credit the amount in the individual account of the member, to his account in the Fund constituted under this Act.

(3) In the event of any dispute regarding the amount transferred as per the sub-rule (2), the Chief Executive Officer shall take a decision thereon and such a decision shall be final.

7. *Audit and Accounts of the Welfare Fund.*- The accounts of the Welfare Fund shall be audited before 30th June of each year by a Chartered Accountant engaged by the Board.

8. *Budget.*- (1) The Chief Executive Officer shall prepare a budget of the Board, before 30th September of every year showing the contributions and other income which may be received in the ensuing financial year and all other expenses relating to the implementation of the Welfare Schemes and the execution of administration and obtain the approval of the Board and thereafter submit it for the approval of Government.

(2) The Chief Executive Officer shall not, while utilizing the fund, exceed the gross amount which is sanctioned.



9. *Accounting System.*-(1) The Accounts of the Board, the District offices as well as all other sub-offices shall be on the basis of the double entry accounting system as per the Manual of Accounting.

(2) The expenses relating to the audit shall be met by including it under the administrative expenses of the account of the Board.

10. *Deposit of the amount.*-(1) All the amounts received on behalf of Welfare Fund, shall be deposited with the approval of the Government in any of the Nationalised Bank or Treasury, in the manner ensuring higher rate of interest.

(2) An account shall be opened in a Nationalised Bank in the name of Chief Executive Officer for disbursing pension and other allowances.

(3) Pension and other allowances shall be disbursed to the beneficiaries out of such account.

11. *Expenditure from the Welfare Fund.*-(1) An amount not exceeding 10% of the contributions remitted by the members to the Welfare Fund may be utilised for administrative expenses of the Board.

(2) The travelling allowances, dearness allowances and honorarium of the Board members and the salary, travelling allowances, pension contribution of the officers, expenses relating to the audit of the accounts of the Fund and other office expenses etc shall be met from the administrative expenses of the Welfare Fund.

(3) No amount other than those stipulated in the Act and the rules shall be utilised from the Fund, without obtaining prior permission of the Government.

By order of the Governor,
BIJU PRABHAKAR,
Secretary.



Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The sub-section (1) of Section 28 of the Kerala Anganwadi Workers' and Anganwadi Helpers' Welfare Fund Act, 2016 (Act 10 of 2016), empowers the Government to make rules for the implementation of the provisions of the Act. Hence, in exercise of such powers conferred under the Act, Government of Kerala has decided to make rules for the implementation of the provisions of the said Act.

This notification is intended to achieve the above object.

